

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action dated February 8, 2006, requiring the Assignee to elect one of two claim groups for continued prosecution. Prior to entry of this paper, claims 1-20 are pending. Following entry, claims 1-9 and 16-20 remain pending, with claims 10-15 withdrawn.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office action, the Examiner alleged two separate inventions were claimed. Specifically, the Examiner alleged the claims encompass the following inventions:

1. Claims 1-9 and 16-20 (Group 1) are drawn to a whitening flosser tip; and
2. Claims 10-15 (Group 2) are drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a flosser tip.

The Examiner further required the Assignee choose a single group for continued prosecution.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Assignee hereby elects Group 1 (claims 1-9 and 16-20) for continued prosecution, without traverse. The Assignee reserves the right to later prosecute claims 10-15 in a divisional or continuation application.

Conclusion

The Assignee respectfully thanks the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing the application, and further submits the present paper fully responds to all issues raised in the February 8, 2006 Office action. Accordingly, the Assignee respectfully requests the Examiner issue an Office action or Notice of Allowability for claims 1-9 and 16-20 as soon as practicable.

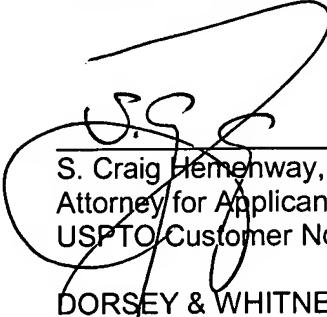
This Response is submitted within the one month statutory response period for reply which expires on March 8, 2006. Accordingly, the Assignee believes no petitions or fees are due. However, should any such be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

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